(a) whether they have received any representations from the people of Thonnalloor, Palamel and Noornad pakuthies of Mavelikara taluk, to widen the channel that connects the Karingalil Punja with the river; and

(b) if so, whether any action was taken on it?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (a) Two petitions have been received but not exactly for widening the channel.

(b) Improvements to the channel have been done by way of deepening and removing silt and slips and the work of providing a combined bridge and a regulator is in progress.

Construction of a bridge over the Kollakadavu river.

269. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when was work begun for the construction of a bridge over the Kollakadavu river on the Mavelikara-Chennithala road; and

(b) the reasons for not completing it till now?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (a) Works were not begun but estimate and plan have been prepared and lands acquired.

(b) For want of funds.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the said road is having heavy traffic?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: No Sir, there is no heavy traffic.

Sanatorium in the Devicolam taluk.

270. *MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they propose to establish a sanatorium at a place called Kundala in the Devicolam taluk;

(b) if so, when it is proposed to be opened:

(c) whether there is any road to the said place Kundala; and

(d) If not, whether they propose to open a road immediately?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (a) Yes.

(b) No decision has as yet been arrived at.

(c) and (d) The place is very close to the Munnar-Top Station road.

Industrial Engineer of the Department of Industries.

271. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) what are the duties of the Industrial Engineer of the Department of Industries;

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(*b*) whether he is a partner in any Engineering or Banking concern;

(*c*) whether he is supplied with a separate phone; and

(*d*) whether he gets any phone call in his official capacity?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) The Industrial Engineer is also the Chief Boiler Inspector. In addition to his duties as the Chief Boiler Inspector, his work includes the preparation of plans and estimates for the engineering works of the Department, and for private individuals who seek his help in regard to the engineering side of Industries, supervision of the engineering works of the Department, inspection of technical schools, like carpentry and smithery schools, help with advice and supervision of excavations, timbering, etc., of pits etc., during prospecting work for minerals.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) His office has phone connection from the office of the Director of Industries.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Is there not another Boiler Inspector under the Chief Boiler Inspector?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know the number of boilers working at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: 216.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: What are the engineering works of the Industrial Engineer?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There are several private firms who seek the help of the Industrial Engineer for the erection of machineries in their factories and his services are requisitioned for executing certain engineering works for the department itself.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Are the Carpentry and Smithery Schools still under the Industries Department?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

Industrial Engineer.

272. ***MR. K. G. GOVINDAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the work the Industrial Engineer of the Department of Industries has done for the last ten years?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The Industrial Engineer, in addition to his duties as Chief Boiler Inspector, has been attending to the preparation of plans and estimates for the Engineering works of the Department and also to impart instruction to private individuals who seek his help in regard to the Engineering side of Industries. Supervision of Engineering works of the Department,

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